

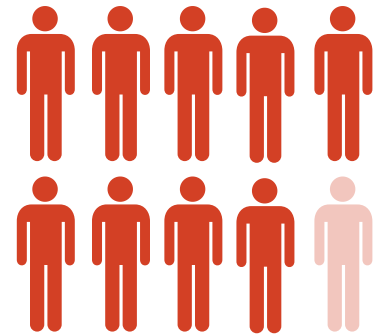
2020 Legislative Priorities



Minnesota's senior population will grow by 56% between 2015 and 2030



Minnesota will need 25,000 additional professional caregivers in the next 10 years



Nearly 90% of Minnesotans believe seniors have a right to housing, care and support



In 2017, the legislature put into place a new Elderly Waiver payment system that better reflects the cost of care but only funded 10% of that system.

Enhance Elderly Waiver

PROBLEM: A 2019 Dept. of Human Services study showed that rates for Elderly Waiver (EW) services are 10-30% below the actual cost of providing those services.

SOLUTION: Invest in EW to meet the care needs of middle and lower income seniors who receive home and community-based services.



Minnesota has a profound shortage of professional caregivers at the same time as the state's elderly population continues to grow.

Invest in Caregivers

PROBLEM: The scope of an existing scholarship grant program for Home and Community-Based Services caregivers is too limited to help attract new employees.

SOLUTION: Expand the HCBS Scholarship Grant program to cover loan forgiveness and Licensed Assisted Living Director training.



Many of Minnesota's nursing homes are outdated and in need of updates to best serve the growing population of seniors.

Expand Funding for Nursing Home Infrastructure

PROBLEM: Current property rates do not adequately allow for much-needed investments in aging nursing home infrastructure.

SOLUTION: Invest in the moratorium exceptions process to encourage investments in infrastructure improvements to outdated nursing homes.



Value-based reimbursement has resulted in significant increases in wages and benefits for nursing home workers and led to higher retention rates.

Preserve Value-Based Reimbursement

PROBLEM: Proposals have surfaced that would scale back Minnesota's commitment to seniors receiving care in nursing homes.

SOLUTION: Preserve Value-Based Reimbursement and ensure sustainable funding to meet the growing demand for skilled, quality care.



The 2019 Legislature approved changes in the reimbursement for Adult Day Services under disability waivers that will result in a 12% cut in 2021.

Examine Adult Day Rates

PROBLEM: Simultaneous changes in reimbursement rates have created uncertainty for those served in Adult Day Services.

SOLUTION: In alignment with the ongoing adult day licensing study, reexamine reimbursement rates of Medicaid waivers used to pay for Adult Day Services to ensure they cover the cost of care.



Minnesota's assisted living will be licensed on Aug. 1, 2021, and providers are working collaboratively with stakeholders to ensure a seamless implementation.

Ensure Safe Care

PROBLEM: The 2019 bill wasn't perfect. There are technical changes that must be addressed in statute even while the rulemaking process is underway.

SOLUTION: Support legislation to make technical changes to the 2019 bill as deemed necessary by all stakeholder partners.